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### NEFF DISCOVERED AS BIG TWIRLER

Opportune Find at University of Successor to Rixey.

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Recently Pitched Masterly Game Against All-Star Aggregation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlottesville, Va., September 14.—The past summer has revealed the fact that the Virginia baseball team of last spring had on the squad a pitcher of real merit, whose talent was an unknown quantity and whose modesty prevented his appearance in the box throughout the entire season. The diamond in the rough is no other than Douglas Neff, formerly of Harrisonburg, but now a resident of the University of Virginia. Neff was looked upon with favor by Manager Clark Griffith, of the Washington team, who thought once of making the young Virginian an offer to become a member of the Nationals. Griffith's idea last March was to secure Neff and farm him out to ripen into form necessary to hold down a job in the big league.

After the close of college last June Neff went up to the Blue Ridge camp, near Ivy, this county, with a number of college players, including "Tad" Fendleton and "Bully" Wood, of the Princeton nine, and it was there that his ability as a twirler became known. After considerable questioning, following his first game at the camp, it was learned that Neff, in years gone by, had been the most promising twirler around his native town, Harrisonburg. One spring he went at it with too much vim and hurt his arm. He thereupon decided to retire from the box. The injured whip finally came around all right, as was evidenced by the way he held down third sack at Virginia the past season.

This summer he blossomed forth as a pitcher at the Blue Ridge Camp, and proved a sensation of the club. His fame spread to this city, but not until this week did local fans have an opportunity to size him up. On Wednesday afternoon at the Horse Show grounds, Neff officiated in the box for the Eagles baseball team of this city. Opposing him was what was termed an "All-Star" club, composed of such players as "Bully" Wood, a Princeton twirler, Grant, Life, Anderson, McGuire, McMorris and Gosh.

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### STRONG ARVONIA TEAM



[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Arvon, Va., September 14.—The Arvonian football club will close the season on September 21 with a double-header against the powerful Backham team from near Lynchburg.

T. Ford, a new recruit on the catching staff, and "Wild Billy" Evans will do the pitching in the morning game. Ford and "Cyprus" Morgan will be the battery in the afternoon game.

This club has now fourteen successive games in the following order: York Union, 3; Scottsville, 2; Brimo Bluff, 3; Buckingham, 1; Powhatan, 1. The members of the team are: G. Harding, shortstop; W. Jeffrey, second base; G. Edwards, right field; B. Evans, third base; T. Snoddy, first base; B. Hoskins, captain and catcher; D. Morgan, pitcher; W. Evans, pitcher; W. Edwards, left field; C. Robert, center field and manager.

a good rise. He throws this out underhand and it is very effective.

The discovery of Neff as a twirler comes at a very opportune time, for Virginia will find it a hard task next spring, occasioned by the departure of Papa Rixey, who has made much a name for himself in the National League this season.

With Grant and Neff to do the box work, not to say anything of the probable entrance of good pitching material from the preparatory schools, next year's team should make a good record. Out of the twenty-four scheduled games last spring, fourteen were won and nine lost. The other game played resulted in a tie with Yale. In addition to his speed, Malcolm Douglass will lead next. Neff has a good drop and an out with year's nine. All of last year's letter

men will return except Carter and Rixey.

Speaking of Neff, Rigler, the National League umpire and coach of the Virginia team for two seasons past, has the following to say: "He has a great arm, and as soon as he has picked up more experience should be a fine third baseman. He stands up to the plate well, goes a good swing at the bat and is very fast on his feet. Furthermore, he seems gifted with baseball sense, and this has made an impression on Griffith. Neff always knows what to do with the ball in an emergency, and should improve rapidly when played beside experienced professionals."

### WITH BIG COLLEGES

New Haven, Conn., September 14.—To end up the first week of football practice the squad had five hours of work at the field to-day, two this morning and three this afternoon. The coaching force was added to by the arrival of James A. Scully, who is to have charge of the linemen this year, and he gave the candidates for the tackle position an hour and a half of work in tackling the dummy.

There were many coaches at the field to-day including Morris and Howe, Ted Lilley, J. W. Field and Steven Philbin. So Coach Howe was able to give all of his attention to the candidates for quarterback. This squad numbers nearly twenty, though it is expected it will be cut and some of the men will go out for the other positions. A member of the quarterback squad is Dick Baker, who won his letter as a half back two years ago. Other promising ones are McLeish, Markie, Cornell, Foss, Sneed and Scoville.

Goes Through Formation.—Princeton, N. J., September 14.—With a squad of forty players looking on, the Tiger varsity ran through its formations from line shifts in their practice to-day. Three graduate coaches were on the field, Phil Kings, Wheeler and Homans. Wheeler devoted most of his time to Dewitt, the varsity kicker, while the other two graduates were busy with the backfield.

There were frequent shifts during the afternoon. Fendleton and Dewitt, however, playing throughout the practice at their regular positions. The Tigers' trainer says that the

squad is in trim for hard work. Scrimmage has been outlined from next Monday till the middle of the week.

### In the Minor Leagues

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

At Louisville: First game—Louisville, 1; Toledo, 2. Second game—Louisville, 0; Toledo, 1. Called in third, allow teams to catch train.

At St. Paul: St. Paul, 3; Minneapolis, 1.

Kansas City-Milwaukee; rain.

#### INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

At Baltimore: Baltimore, 1; Newark, 0.

At Jersey City: Jersey City, 2; Providence, 0.

At Toronto: Toronto, 12; Montreal, 11.

At Rochester: Rochester, 6; Buffalo, 11. Called in eighth, dark.

#### SOUTHERN LEAGUE

At Nashville: Nashville, 4; Chattanooga, 1.

Hirmingham-Montgomery; rain.

At Memphis: Memphis, 3; Atlanta, 4.

BOSTON IS PREPARING FOR THE WORLD'S SERIES.

Boston, Mass., September 14.—Work started this afternoon on the erection of additional stands for world's series spectators at Fenway Park. De-

tailed plans have not been made public by the Red Sox management, but it is understood that stands will be built in deep centerfield and along first base line. Another new stand will be built to the left of the grandstand along third base line. Although it has not yet been definitely decided, it is probable that the supports of the grandstand roof will be strengthened and a row of double seats built. The work is expected to be practically completed by the time the Boston Americans return from their Western trip to play New York here.

#### HARRY H. DAVIS MAY BECOME ASSISTANT TO CONNIE MACK.

Cleveland, Ohio, September 14.—Rumors that Harry H. Davis, late manager of the Cleveland American League club, who was resigned, is to rejoin the World's Champion Athletics as assistant to Connie Mack, were given added impetus to-day when it was known that Davis is preparing to move to Philadelphia. He refuses to discuss his plans.

#### MANY PROMISING CANDIDATES FOR ARMY FOOTBALL TEAM.

West Point, N. Y., September 14.—Captain Graves, who is again coaching the cadet football aspirants, declares that never before in his experience has he seen such a promising array of material. More than a hundred men are already going through the paces under Trainer Harry Tuthill and Captain Chauncey Devore.

honors for the summer for the highest number of 200 scores. Miss Ida Heller, of Toledo, Ohio, has made a wonderful record the past two weeks.

Players	Scores
Sweeney	256
Lyons, M.	251
Ellis	244
Flynn	244
Bell	244
Overmann	244
Spilling	240
Smith	237
Lyons	233
Wise	232
Talmage	229
Goode	229
Berger	227
Johnston	227
Futterlin	227
Spilling	224
Jenkins	220

Women's List	Scores
Miss Beulah Myers	234
Mrs. F. H. Hardaway	227
Mrs. Annie Craft	224
Mrs. Maude Thistle	221
Mrs. Lillie Berger	214
Mrs. Maggie Donald	211
Miss Ida Heller	211
Miss Ruth Tyree	210
Miss Jennie Bryant	207
Miss Edith Lanier	207
Miss Louise Wood	206
Miss Ella Winfree	204
Miss Alma Perkins	202
Miss Helen Hancock	202
Miss Beattie Wood	201
Miss Ella Ingram	200
Mrs. Mary Schutte	200
Mrs. Mary Lewis	200
Mrs. Otis Goode	199
Mrs. Annie Whitman	197
Miss Thelma Conby	196
Miss Grace Jones	195
Miss Rosa Goode	194
Miss Blanch Wade	193
Miss Rosa Montague	191
Miss Blanch Blair	190
Miss Bessie Chisholm	184
Mrs. C. W. Spracher	183
Miss Lavina Cook	181
Mrs. Margaret Lewis	180
Mrs. Mary Sweeney	179
Mrs. Florence Chalkley	174
Mrs. Estelle Bell	171
Miss Jessie Symon	166
Miss Mary Anderson	165
Miss Louise McCarthy	164
Miss Maud Edwards	160
Miss Mary Johnson	159
Miss Gertrude Steward	159
Mrs. Louise Jones	159
Miss Alma Bryant	157
Mrs. Jennie Martin	155

### DOWN THE ALLEYS

BY WHIT WHITMAN.  
The local bowlers have made a fine showing the past week at the Forest Hill alleys, and a big improvement has been made by both the women and men bowlers. As the season grows older the scores become greater, and the past week has been a good one, as nearly every one seemed to be in apple-pie order and played a game that any one could feel proud of.

The women bowlers in particular have made a most phenomenal showing, and a great many of them are taking great interest in the game and are developing fast in to good ones.

Organize Women League.  
Manager Whitman, of the Forest

Hill alleys, is now organizing a six-club league among the women bowlers for this fall. This, no doubt, will be good news for the fans, as the women have made such great headway the past summer at the great indoor game, and at the present time a six-club league could be easily organized that could compete with the men bowlers.

Lake Alleys the Scene of Conflict.  
The new league will play their games at the Lake Bowling Alleys, at Lakeside Park. The alleys are in fine condition and have ample room to accommodate the large crowd.

The local bowlers have been busy this week on the alleys. In order to get in trim for the coming season, the Richmond Bowling Association will be one great body this fall, as during the summer months more than 200 new bowlers have come into prominence and have qualified.

President Sam Williams will call a meeting of the bowlers in the near future, and it is expected that a large crowd will be on hand.

The Forest Hill team and a team consisting of the employees of the Times-Dispatch, played a very interesting series Thursday evening at the Forest Hill alleys before a large crowd of spectators, and both sides put up a hard fight. The Forest Hill aggregation finally overpowered their opponents and captured two out of the three games. The same two teams will play a return match next Thursday evening at the Forest Hill alleys.

Forest Hill	1	2	3	Totals
Berger, Capt.	130	125	152	411
Flynn	161	178	135	474
Hartz	114	131	125	370
Elliott	123	116	130	369
Hirschberg	175	221	149	545
<b>Total</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>2102</b>

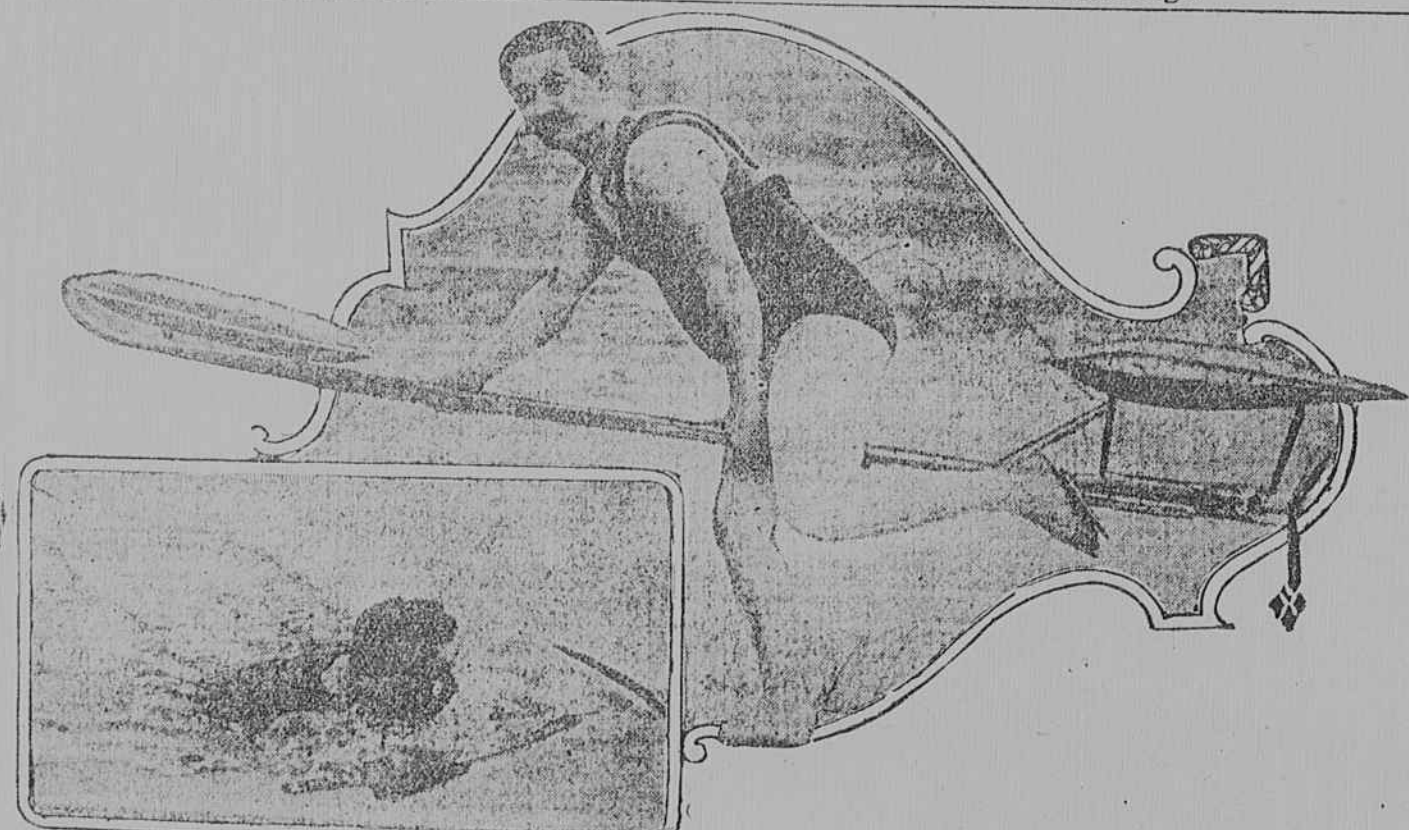
Times-Dispatch	1	2	3	Totals
Goode, Capt.	145	144	144	433
Ellis	133	134	146	413
Burke	88	113	145	346
Hayes	138	122	133	393
Davis	131	114	114	359
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>1952</b>

Time of game, 2 hours.  
Scorer, Flynn and Quarles.  
Umpire, Smith and James.

The following is a complete record of the high scores made by both the women and men bowlers for the summer on the Forest Hill Alleys. The score will show what great improvements have been made by the players.

Mr. Elliott leads the men's list with a 256 for high score, with Sweeney a close second.  
Miss Beulah Myers leads the women's list with 234, with Mrs. Hardaway a close second with 227.  
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